

**Summary of Consultant Activities – December 2020**  
**Sustainable Community Advocates**  
**Steve Teshara, Principal**

- As Coordinator for the Lake Tahoe Partnership (federal advocacy network), continuously track final Congressional negotiations and final action to approve the federal FY-2021 Omnibus Budget package. Appropriations for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) include another \$6 million in funding for Hazardous Fuels Reduction and \$6 million for Watershed Restoration.
- Continue to track the development of alternatives for the Meeks Bay Restoration Project. The proposed project encompasses approximately 68 acres at Meeks Bay and historically included a stream channel, wetland lagoon, and barrier beach habitat. SCA continues to advocate a public safety pier facility as part of this project. The next project workshop is scheduled for Thursday evening January 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m.
- Continue to track work on the Lake Tahoe West (LTW) project, a collaborative effort to restore the resiliency of forests, watersheds, and communities on 59,000 acres of Lake Tahoe's West Shore. Led by the USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), California Tahoe Conservancy, and TRPA, the LTW project is based on the comprehensive Lake Tahoe West Landscape Restoration Strategy. The agencies completed a public scoping process in June and are still working on the project description, following feedback received during the most recent set of workshops. The Lake Tahoe West Science Team, led by the US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station, released its Science Summary of Findings Report in November. This report evaluated the effects of different management approaches on wildlife habitat, fire risks, water quality, economics, and other social and ecological values on the west shore.
- Continue on-going dialogue with TRPA transportation staff as a follow-up to Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs October 25, 2020 letter "Comments on the 2045 Linking Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) regarding Emergency Evacuation Planning for Emergency Response and Public Safety."
- Prep and transmit December 16<sup>th</sup> TRPA Updates email to Basin Fire Chiefs. Included: Copy of the Agency's 2020 Third Quarter Report (Summary of activities in support of TRPA Strategic Initiatives and related by divisions and functions) and the outcome of election of Governing Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2021-22. (Nevada Governor's appointee Mark Bruce as Chair and Placer County Supervisor Cindy Gustafson, Vice Chair). New Governing Board members include South Lake Tahoe Council member John Friedrich as the City representative and new District 1 Commissioner Alexis as Washoe County representative, and Hayley Williamson as the new Nevada At-Large representative.